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By Mark A. Kellner - The Washington Times - Tuesday, April 5, 2022

A United Church of Christ congregation in suburban [Chicago](#) says it is “Fasting From Whiteness” during Lent, the 40-day period preceding Easter.

“In our worship services throughout Lent, we will not be using any music or liturgy written or composed by white people,” the First United Church of Oak Park, which traces its roots to 1860, said in a [web announcement](#).

“Our music will be drawn from the African American spirituals tradition, from South African freedom songs, from Native American traditions, and many, many more,” the church said, adding, “For Lent, it is our prayer that in our spiritual disciplines we may grow as Christians, united in the body of Christ with people of all ages, nations, races, and origins.”

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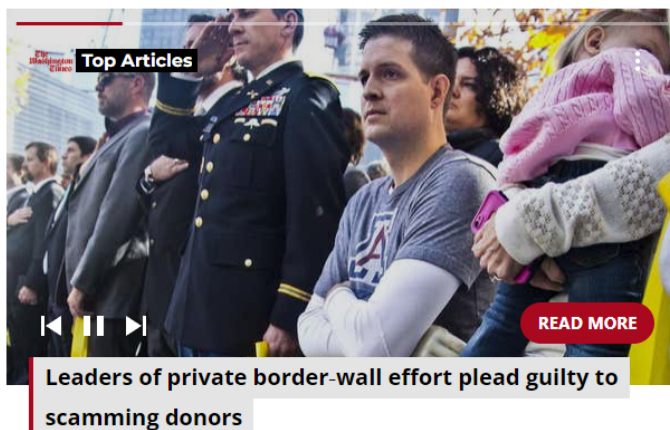


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Church bulletins for the period indicate the use of music composed by Black composers such as Florence Price, a gospel anthem by Richard Smallwood and prayers reflecting the words of W.E.B. DuBois and "the Lakota people."

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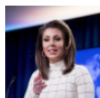
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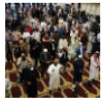
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